

ENS [REDACTED]

Below is a summary of interview of [REDACTED], USCG, conducted by the AIM informal board on August 23, 2006 concerning the diving incident which resulted in two deaths on August 17, 2006. AIM board members present at the interview were Captain [REDACTED], LCDR [REDACTED] and LCDR [REDACTED].

ENS [REDACTED] reported aboard HEALY on [REDACTED], from MACKINAW. She is the [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of August she stood the 0800-1200 watch.

On 17 August 2006, at about 1430, ENS [REDACTED] heard that ice liberty would be granted later in the day and she began to prepare the morale locker. Specifically, she was in charge of beverages and would be bringing beer and soda down to the ice. The common understanding on the ship is that each person could have two beers on the ice. She stated that there isn't an actual instruction for providing beer for ice liberty, but that it was generally okay to drink two beers if you were not on watch. You were limited to two beers on the honor system. It is her understanding that in the past the ship has used a check off list to track crew beer consumption, but they did not do that on this occasion.

In all, she brought 216 cans or bottles of beer down to the ice, along with 32 sodas. She could not carry all the beverages herself, so she asked ENS [REDACTED] along with other HEALY crew members to assist her. He did. She also set aside two beers (one each) for LT HILL and BM2 DUQUE at LT HILL's request, as she was planning to dive but wanted one later. ENS [REDACTED] drank part of a Mike's Hard Lemonade, but did not finish it. All of the beers were consumed except for the two beers set aside for LT HILL and BM2 DUQUE. When asked how she came up with the number 216- ENS [REDACTED] stated she took the number of personnel on the ship - 119 - and multiplied that number by 2 for a total number 238, which is less than 2 beers per person.

After standing at the base of the brow for a while, ENS [REDACTED] was watching the polar bear swim when she heard commotion from the dive side, something to the effect of "get the divers up," and "get blankets." There were several people running back onto the ship to gather first aid supplies.

She met up with ENS [REDACTED] at the dive side. ENS [REDACTED] was looking through the dive manual. ENS [REDACTED] helped ENS [REDACTED] find dive first aid materials and locate the dive recompression tables. They followed the stretchers carrying the divers up to sickbay.

Once she was in sickbay the XO ordered ENS [REDACTED] to take notes of the medical treatment being administered. She did so for the entire time that treatment was rendered. Her notes were provided to the investigation team.

In response to questions, ENS [REDACTED] stated the following. Her OOD board was a couple weeks before the incident. Dive operations were not part of the qualification

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process. All dive gear was taken to the photo lab immediately after the divers were taken to sickbay.

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